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SUBJECT.

Re. Lease of Forest Areas to the British Military - rent & Compensation to be recovered - accounts procedure.

To.

S(2) The Ch. Con. of Forests. } No. A.F. 1737-8.
The Comptroller to Govt } dt. 21/10/43.

Approves the action of C.C.F.

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MYSORE FOREST DEPARTMENT.

No. M./Ft. 49-752/40. Encl.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS IN MYSORE,
Bangalore, dated 26 July 1943

FROM

C. ABDUL JABBAR, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore,
Bangalore.

27 JULY 1943

To

Safi Darashah, Esq., B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General Department, Bangalore.

GENERAL SECRETARY. 27 JULY 1943

RE:- Lease of Forest areas to the British Military-rent and compensation to be recovered-account procedure.

I have the honour to state as per orders of Government conveyed through the Chief Secretary several Forest areas particularly in the Bangalore District have been temporarily placed at the disposal of the military authorities for camp sites, aerodrome construction etc., and for such lands ground-rent as well as compensation on account of destruction or damage to the standing growth and other losses are being claimed by this department on bills sent to the Residency through the Chief Secretary to Government. The bills, which are prepared by the Range Officer after ascertaining the extent of the area occupied and the damage or destruction done to the standing growth pass through and undergo scrutiny in the following offices before they are transmitted to the British Military Authorities through the Residency:

1. District Forest Office, Bangalore
2. Chief Conservator's Office
3. Offices of the Civil Officer and the Deputy Commissioner
4. Government (Chief Secretary)

As the amount of each bill was likely to undergo modification at one or more of the offices, through which it had to pass, instructions were issued to the District Forest Officer in my order No. F. 119-752(a)/40-41 dated 11th December' 42

that he should await acceptance of the bill by the Military authorities before the amount thereof was brought to demand in his accounts, since then a number of forest areas have been leased out and it is realized that the demand and collection of the ground rent and compensation due in respect of each area cannot be effectively watched unless the amount of each bill is brought to demand in the accounts as and when it is preferred by the District Forest Officer. Instructions have therefore been issued to the District Forest Officer to record all the leases granted so far and to be granted hereafter in the prescribed lease-register or in a special register with suitable headings and to bring on to demand in his accounts the amount of each bill as it is preferred by him subject to correction under my orders should the claim be modified or altered by any higher authority. I request that my action may be kindly approved.

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In this connection, I have to state that ground rent and other recurring claims such as losses on account of grass and other leases will have to be billed for and recovered every year. As to when exactly a bill for the annually recurring dues should be preferred and brought to demand in the accounts of the Department has become a matter of doubt. Usually there is a long interval between the occupation of an area by the military authorities and the preferring of our claim on account of ground rent and other annually recurring losses for the first official year of occupation. This interval is unavoidable as the area or extent of damage cannot be fixed up before the land is cleared. In some cases, where the original occupation of an area has taken place in the middle of an official year, the first bill itself will have to be sent up while the second official year of occupation is running. Thus it has become difficult to fix up the date on which a bill for the annually recurring claims should be preferred. Instructions are, therefore

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solicited as to whether such claims should be preferred in advance on the 1st July of the year to which the claims relates or after the expiry of the year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Chief Conservator of Forests.

G.O 1324

10 AUG. 1943

The action of the C.C.F as at 'A' above may be approved.

As regards 'B' the procedure to be adopted the Comptroller may perhaps be Consulted.

GL Secy) 30.7.43

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MW. 2817 29-7-43. The Comptroller may be consulted in the first instance regarding the procedure to be adopted in such cases.

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Forwarded with Compliments to the Comptroller to Court for favour of remarks as regards 'B'.

5.8.43.

for General Secretary

to Court

V.O. NO. 33

MW. 11/8

WD 1140—GPB—50,000—5-11-42

U.O.No.28/Ft. dated 20th August 1943. (No.176 Wt 23-8-43 Stat)

Returned with compliments.

To ensure effective check over demand, collection and balance in respect of ground rent and compensation recoverable from the British Military authorities for the Forest areas leased out to them, the transactions pertaining to the above have to be recorded in the Lease Register (Form No.15) prescribed in Article 81(iv) and v. of M.C.A.C.Vol.III Part (2) Forest Account Code with suitable alterations in the headings of the form wherever necessary. The instructions issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests to the District Forest Officer, Bangalore to record all the leases granted so far and those to be granted hereafter in the Lease Register and entering therein the amount of each bill as preferred by the District Forest Officer subject to alteration of amounts if any found necessary later on under his specific orders seems suitable and may be approved.

As regards preferring of the claims, it is pointed out that the District Forest Officer will be in a better position to assess the value of Ground rent and compensation for damages done to the produce or properties only after inspection of the spots. Hence the District Forest Officer may prefer the claim at the end of the year to which the claim actually relates. The recommendation of the Chief Conservator of Forests to prefer the claim on 1st July after the close of the year to which the claim actually relates may be approved.

M. Shamanna
Comptroller.
11/21/8/43

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Draft accepts only is subd. This will, if approved, be issued after perusal by the Fl. Secy.)
Gl Secy)

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Financial Secy., with compts)

FINANCE U.O.No.Ft.10.33 26 Aug'43

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For approval

Minister I&S)

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIES & SUPPLIES SEP 1 1943 No. 1201

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may be draft. advd already issued?

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Issue

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Hms 16/10/43.

2) No. A.F. 1737 FH19-43-2 dated 21-10-1943

Approves the action of the C.C.F., in having issued instructions to the D.F.O., Bangalore to record all the leases granted so far and to be granted hereafter in the lease register and to assess the Value of ground rent and Compensation for damages due to the produce or properties only after inspecting the spots.

To: The C.C.F.

The Comptroller to Govt.

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SUBJECT Lease of Forest areas to the British Military – Rent and Compensation to be recovered – account Procedure.

Section F

File No. 1943

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

No. A.F. 1737

To

The C.C.F.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue. 21st Oct 43

Signed by... Asst H.M.S.

Lease of forest areas to the British Military – Rent and Compensation to be recovered – Account Procedure. ——

Sir,

With reference to your letter no. M/Ft 49-752/403 26th July 1943 on the above subject, I am directed to state that prior approval of your action in having issued instructions to the D.F.O. Bangalore to record

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Copied by.....

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all the leases granted so far and those to be granted hereafter in the lease register & entering therein the amount of each bill ~~& entering~~ as preferred by the D.F.O. subject to alteration of amounts if any found necessary later on under ~~his~~ your specific orders (vide form no 15 prescribed in Art 81 (iv) & (v) of M.C. Act vol III — part (2) Forest Account Code.

As regards preferring of the claims, I am to point out that the D.F.O. will be in a ~~better~~ position to assess the value of ground rent & Compensation for damages done to the produce ~~or~~ of properties only after ~~the~~ inspection of the spots and that therefore he may prefer the claim at the end of the year to which the claim actually relates.

I have the
Sen Secy to Govt

A.F. 17385 21.10.43 Jones

Copy to Comptroller for information with reference to this D.O. note no. 28/FT of 20.8.43.

D.O.
Jones 24/8/43
A Sen Secy.

MW 24/8/43.